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WILL COLUMBIA RULE THE WAVES?

BRITANNIA has for centuries made the proud boast that it was mistress of the seas, succeeding to that title when the ocean came to its aid and "marred the armada's pride as well as the spoils of Trafalgar." Great Britain won this title by sparing no expense on its floating fortresses, by training its young men to near perfection in gunnery and seamanship and by displaying national pride in its navy.

It was necessary that the naval branch of England's fighting force be developed to the extreme, for the insular nation was exposed on all sides to attack from warships, even as Germany was to land assaults. Germany had need to develop its military strength and the present war has proven how thoroughly this was done. But has Great Britain kept abreast with her necessities? Will she continue to dominate the seas, or simply be defensive in her naval forces? Let an Englishman, a close student of the progress of events, tell the story and give his forecast:

"As we English live on and by the sea, so it must be apparent that our paramount position at sea is involving us in dangers. Our naval power and our financial power are threatened by the rapidity with which we are developing our military power. Our energy is being diverted from its natural channel.

"The end of the war is not yet in sight, but end it will in our victory, and if we are not to mortgage the coming peace, the whole nation must turn its attention to the task of effecting economies.

"If the triumph of our cause is accomplished by the impoverishment of the nation to such an extent that it can no longer maintain an unchallengeable fleet—and that is a possibility, for naval power is likely to become more costly, owing to the awakening of the United States—we shall emerge into the new era no longer the greatest sea power in the world. And if our sea power goes it will not be long before we shall shed other attributes of our greatness."

THE PAST AND PRESENT YEARS

THE BONANZA "points with pride" to the achievements of this district in the year recently brought to an end. On another page appears a resume of the mines and of the mining situation. Coming, as it does, at a time when silver seemingly is again coming into its own, this article is one of particular interest. As to the figures, they have been most carefully compiled and have been checked with those of the auditors of several of the larger companies. The deductions were also reached by painstaking processes.

Tonopah accomplished great things during the year just ended. It was free from labor troubles. No great tragedies marred the progress of events. There were accidents, to be sure, but they were isolated cases and no groups of men lost their lives, as was the case in so many camps during the twelve months.

Silver was, during the year, at its lowest ebb in price. It was feared at one time that there might be a cessation of activities here during the slump, but the crisis was tided over and there was not even a reduction in the number of men employed.

The output of precious metal was above the eleven million dollar mark and the amount of ore in sight is far greater than it was a year ago, consequently, with the augmented price of silver, the outlook for 1916 is gilt edged.

Have you observed that the California papers are filled with optimism engendered by the frosty visitation of last week. Their columns are filled with all kinds of joyous stories about snowball parties, schools adjourning to permit the children to celebrate, sleighing socials and all that sort of thing, but, not a word of damage to the citrus or other crops. That is the kind of boosting that generates confidence and makes the name of the Bear State a synonym for everything that spells prosperity. When home talent expresses confidence and looks on the bright side of life the blues are driven to the shadows and smiles are brought to every face.

Nevada has recovered her old standing as the first silver state of the Union and the pseudonym of the "Sagebrush State" should be banished from the literature of the public schools. Silver is good enough for Nevada and Tonopah is perfectly willing to stand in the silver column until Tophet freezes over.

Still waiting, is the weary cry from the White House when asked to explain the latest horror of murdering innocent steamship passengers. The American people will have something to say about this in the ides of November.

Our friend J. Holman Buck, of the Western Nevada Miner, is so busy these days getting out high grade copper ore that he has to excuse himself to his readers for not printing more than twenty pages a week.

Germany and Austria are giving a nice imitation of the Alphonse and Gaston habit of after you. As soon as one gets through sinking a ship and apologizing the other steps in to make excuses.

That auto peacemaker from Detroit can afford to talk here where he is safe. It is wonderful what a command he had of himself when he was in the war zone.

It may have been windy here for the last few days, but, then, hasn't Tonopah the right to blow, with silver steadily rising and business booming?

After the blizzard in California the desert is the place for the man who wants the real blown in the glass brand of weather.

Wilson will get tired after a while of playing for time and will show if there is any real red blood in his veins.

ROCK COMPOSED OF MINUTE FOSSILS

Near Reno, Nev., are peculiar beds of diatomaceous earth. This chalk white material consists largely of fossil microscopic animals called diatoms. These remains have collected here in numbers so immense as to form deposits hundreds of feet thick and in places make up almost the entire mass of the rock. This mass of fossil diatoms, or diatomaceous earth, formerly

called infusorial earth, differs from white chalk only in that it is composed of silica instead of lime carbonate. It is so light that it will almost float on water. (Overland Guidebook, Bulletin 612, U. S. Geological Survey.)

Experts in the employ of the government of Brazil believe that country can utilize its own coal by using gas producers in connection with stationary engines and briquetting it for locomotives.

UNITED STATES MOVES TO FRONT PLACE

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—How the United States, through the accident of a world war, has moved from its place as a commercial provincial and secondary power to the rank of first importance among the great nations of the world—economically, industrially and financially—is told in detail in the first annual report of Dr. Edward E. Pratt, chief of the foreign and domestic commerce bureau of the department of commerce.

What the country has gained temporarily through the fortunes of the European conflict, says the report, it can hope to hold in the commercial struggle that will be resumed at the conclusion of peace, only by the most far-sighted commercial preparedness. Two grave problems face development and maintenance of foreign trade. The first is declared to be that of finance and the second that of training men for the work.

"The financing of our foreign trade," it says, "and in fact by far the larger part of the financing of the world's trade, has hitherto been done through London. During the last hundred years London has been the world's financial market. She has held her position not because of prestige merely but because the nations of the world needed an international clearing house and London supplied that. At the same time London became the clear-

ing house chiefly because she supplied large part of the capital needed for public improvements and large private enterprises.

"The United States never has taken any large part in financing foreign trade because of the comparatively small part of that business carried on here and because also of the unfamiliarity of many of our bankers with the methods of international finance. Nor has the United States taken any large part in supplying capital to other countries. On account of more profitable investments at home we have chosen to invest here rather abroad. This also has been true because of our position as a debtor nation, but probably also to a considerable degree because of a 'mental debtor-nation attitude' on the part of our financiers.

"On account of the war this situation is rapidly changing. The volume of foreign business done through New York is continuously increasing and New York banks are rapidly providing facilities for Americans who wish to export. Dollar exchange, a thing practically unheard of prior to this year, is assuming constantly enlarging importance in the financial world and is rapidly becoming popular as a means of meeting international obligations."

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